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R 181045Z DEC 76  
FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 986  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 8638

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SY, PLO  
SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF DEC. 17 PALESTINIAN RALLY AT  
YARMUK CAMP

REF: DAMASCUS 8458

1. WE WERE INFORMED DEC. 17 BY PALESTINIAN SOURCE  
WHO HAD ALERTED US TO PALESTINIAN RALLY AT DAMASCUS  
YARMUK CAMP (REFTTEL), REPORTEDLY ORGANIZED BY RIF'AT  
AL-ASAD TO PRESSURE PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP, THAT  
RALLY CANCELLED. ASKED IF RALLY POSTPONED AND NEW  
DATE SET, SOURCE SAID HE HAD TALKED WITH FRIEND INVOLVED  
IN PLANNING RALLY AND THAT FRIEND SAID IT HAD BEEN  
CANCELLED RATHER THAN POSTPONED.

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2. COMMENT. CANCELLATION OF RALLY MAY HAVE BEEN  
CAUSED BY SYRIAN SUCCESS AT ATTAINING ITS OBJECTIVES  
DURING RECENT PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING. ANOTHER  
POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS REGIME'S PREOCCUPATION WITH  
INTERNAL PROBLEMS AND PRES. ASAD'S TRIP TO CAIRO  
DECEMBER 18. WE NOTE THAT RIF'AT VISITED JORDAN EARLIER

THIS WEEK AND WONDER WHETHER HE HAD TIME TO COMPLETE  
ARRANGEMENTS FOR RALLY IN VIEW OF OTHER DEMANDS UPON  
HIS ATTENTION. FOR TIME BEING, APPEARS THAT ARAFAT HAS  
SUCCESSFULLY AVOIDED SARG ATTEMPT TO INCREASE ITS  
PUBLIC PRESSURE ON HIS LEADERSHIP OF PLO.  
MURPHY

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